

Hello FCC.I have been a XM Radio subscriber for about 18 months. One of the reasons that XM was interesting was the wide choice of channels and types of programs offered.

The only thing missing compared to local AM & FM stations was traffic and weather.

When XM added these features on March 1st 2004 it showed their ability to listen to their customers and respond. Unlike AM & FM stations that rely upon revenue from ads, XM is a fee based service that I personally find well worth the \$10 per month.

When XM added traffic and weather that simply enhanced the value of their product and made their service even more competition to AM & FM local channels.

America is all about freedom of choice and it is my choice to pay for XM each month and it is up to XM to make the services they offer valuable so they can increase their business or fail and loose customers.

If the FCC rules in favor of NAB then perhaps the FCC should dictate all aspects of AM, FM and XM services ?

I view XM as a good alternative to the local stations in my area and I highly encourage the FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 and to support XM's ability to provide the kind of programming that I demand and deserve.

America is all about freedom of choice and I kindly ask the FCC to not allow the NAB to dicate the program choices of their competition.

Thanks for your time.

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